LOK SABHA

Monday, July 19, 2004 / Asadha 28, 1926 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

(MR. SPEAKER in the Chair)

OBITUARY REFERENCE

Title: Reference made to the passing away of Shri Ramachandra Veerappa, member 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and sitting member of 14th Lok Sabha on 18th July, 2004.

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our colleagues, Shri Ramchandra Veerappa.

Shri Ramchandra Veerappa was a sitting Member of the Lok Sabha representing the Bidar Parliamentary Constituency of Karnataka. Earlier, he was a Member of the Third, Fourth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Lok Sabhas from 1962 to 1970, and from 1991 till date, representing the same Parliamentary Constituency.

A fearless freedom fighter, Shri Veerappa participated in the freedom struggle and underwent imprisonment.

An agriculturist by profession, Shri Veerappa was a member of the Municipal Council, Bidar, Karnataka from 1947 to 1948. He was a Member of the Karnataka Legislative Council from 1948 to 1952. He also served as a Member of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly from 1957 to 1962 and again from 1980 to 1985.

An ideal parliamentarian, Shri Veerappa, during 1998-1999, was a member of the Committee on Food, Civil Supplies and Public Distribution and its Sub-Committee on Department of Sugar and Edible Oils; and a member of the Consultative Committee, Ministry of Communications. During 1999-2000, he was again a member of the Committee on Food, Civil Supplies and Public Distribution and from 2000 to February, 2004, a member of the Consultative Committee, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

A devoted social worker, Shri Veerappa strove for removal of social and economic disparities in the society and for inculcating human values among the people.

Shri Ramchandra Veerappa passed away on 18 July, 2004 at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh at the age of about 96. He was ailing for some time and I had occasion to visit him when he was undergoing treatment at a hospital in Delhi.

We deeply mourn the loss of our colleague and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

11.02 hrs

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again tomorrow at 11 a.m.

11.03 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Tuesday, July 20, 2004/Asadha 29, 1926 (Saka).[r1]

[r1] Friday, March 10, 2000/Phalguna 20, 1921 (Saka).